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KOJI TOKUDA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: YANG, J.  
SERIAL NO: 10/553,199 :  
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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :  
PRODUCING REDUCED METAL

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.